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NAVY IDENTIFIES VICTIM, SUSPECT IN DISAPPEARANCE OF MARINE FROM AREA TRAINING COMMAND

Norfolk, Va. (CNRMA) – The Navy today confirmed the identity of the body found Friday in North Carolina, as missing Marine Corporal Justin L. Huff, age 23 from Indianapolis, Indiana. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) launched an investigation into Huff's disappearance after he failed to report to school January 2, 2006, at the Navy Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center at NAS Oceana's Dam Neck Annex.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Cooper Jackson, a suspect in the case, is being held in the Navy Brig at Naval Station Norfolk pending formal charges.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Greenville, North Carolina has determined the cause of death to be homicide.

The details into Huff's death remain under investigation by NCIS.

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Additional information on this for the sole use of the news media, may be found on-line at www.cnrma.navy.mil/newsroom. Further questions may be directed to Beth Baker or Jim Moir at 322-2853.